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Photo by Sue Tiffin

Nine-year-old Lillie Garbutt was just one of the kids who asked for the Catch the Cure logo to be painted on her face by artistic volunteers Brandon Jarvis and Jazzlin Carr at Saturday's fundraiser. See story on page 21.

Group seeks support for recreation centre

By Sue Tiffin
 Staff writer

The county needs a pool and, according to a feasibility study conducted by the Community Swimming Pool Initiative (CSPI), it should be in Haliburton Village.

On Feb. 19, the CSPI's delegation to county council informed councillors that

Haliburton Village is the preferred location for a recreation centre, and that between 1,600 and 2,230 permanent county residents could be expected to purchase an adult membership to the centre at a cost of \$45 per month. A Minden location for the recreation centre had significantly less support, as did a higher membership fee.

About two dozen supporters, including a

group of elementary school children dressed in swimming clothes, came to council to encourage CSPI members as they approached council with a summary of the 200-page feasibility study conducted by LeisurePlan International Inc.

"At the county level, I don't have high expectations," said Harvey Bates, the CSPI spokesperson, after the meeting. "What I

would hope is that a collection of reeves get together and discuss what the best thing is to do for the county. I think [Dysart reeve] Murray Fearrey has turned around about the pool. He certainly seems to be giving it some hard thought."

Bates said the expectation was that the committee would present the final report of

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Municipalities each have something to gain: Bates

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the survey. Now, he hopes that Fearrey will support the project.

"Obviously Haliburton stuck out in the area as the location that is most preferred where we can get the most bang for our buck," said Bates.

With Fearrey's support, Bates said the committee would work on the building design, with help from an architect who might potentially work pro-bono.

"We have contacts, we have people in the area who are interested in offering support for the pool, support in services that we might otherwise have to pay for," he said. "We want to try to keep the cost down. We've got to start fundraising as long as we have support from Dysart."

The delegation noted during the meeting that recreation centres in towns similar to Haliburton County, like Petrolia and Saint Mary's, do have deficits. Petrolia has a \$111,861 deficit and Saint Mary's has a \$100,298 deficit. Committee treasurer Gary McKnight said that their situations were different than Haliburton County's because of smaller membership numbers, lack of seasonal residents who would be interested in using the facility while in the area, and competition with larger centres.

The delegation stressed that Haliburton County would need amenities like a recreation centre for the baby boomers in the area to stay healthy. Bates said that access to a swimming pool would enable teens in the area to learn life lessons as swim coaches or lifeguards.

Councillor Carol Moffatt wanted to know what would be done to enable access to the recreation centre.

"We have people in Haliburton County that can't buy firewood," she said. "What accommodations are going to be made for vulnerable sectors in our community – the seniors, the single moms, the disabled?"

Bates said the community associations he had approached



Photo by Sue Tiffin

Community members attended the meeting with their kids, dressed in their swim gear, to show support for the centre.

were very interested in helping to support memberships for those in financial need. Committee chair Gay Bell added that fundraisers could also aid those in need but that they would have to wait until a recreation centre was built.

Bates said now that the county has received the report, he hopes to get the support they need to move forward with the project.

"Ideally, I'd like to see [the] county on board," he said. "They take the position that they're not responsible for recreation. But at the same time, they support the rail trail. They're making a decision as to when they opt in and opt out. I prefer [if] they're in because each municipality has something to gain."

Minden reverses on left turns

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

The decision to prohibit left hand turns from Water Street to Bobcaygeon Road as of May was rescinded at a Feb.13 committee of the whole meeting at Minden council.

The motion to ban the left hand turns was passed at a Jan. 30 meeting, but it angered many residents, who complained the traffic issues at the intersection and at other points along Bobcaygeon Road would worsen with the restriction.

A delegation of Bobcaygeon Road business owners, led by the Dominion Hotel and Grill on the Gull owner Shawn Chamberlin, approached council at the meeting to offer a business perspective on the proposed traffic changes.

Chamberlin said that business owners appreciated a slower speed through the downtown area, as it encouraged drivers to notice their signage and protected pedestrians who had a tendency to cross at any point on the street. With fellow business owners behind him at the meeting, he said that a ban on left turns would cause more congestion elsewhere in the vicinity, and that drivers headed left but forced to turn right would make U-turns in the funeral home parking lot near Deep Bay Road.

Chamberlin suggested that council reconsider an idea from last year to install a three-way stop at the corner, and to manage the speed limit in the downtown area.

"It would definitely enhance safety on that corner if traffic was stopped in all directions," said Chamberlin. "If everybody stops, everybody gets a turn. It's fair and democratic."

Everybody gets a turn to make whatever turn they want to do."

Councillor Ken Redpath opposed the no left turn motion in January and agreed with Chamberlin's suggestion of a three-way stop at the intersection. Redpath suggested it be tested over a three-month period, a decision that council had voted for in a December meeting, but replaced with the no left turn motion.

"We keep going around and around," he said. "There may be a problem if we install a three-way stop, there might not be a problem. The only way we're going to find out is if we try it."

Redpath said that after 32 years of Minden council discussing the issue, it was very likely that the intersection was a problem and a solution for it should be found.

Councillor Lisa Schell said that she had received several e-mails and phone calls from local constituents who weren't necessarily worried about the turn, but were concerned about the sight lines at the intersection. She said that, although pretty, the flower boxes on the bridge were causing issues for drivers' visibility. She didn't agree with the idea of a three-way stop, saying that it wasn't a recommendation made by [engineering firm] AECOM and that it would cause more traffic issues.

"It would be like having a toll bridge every day of the summer for traffic trying to get through the downtown," she said.

Besides rescinding the no left turns motion, council decided to remove some of the flower boxes on the bridge and remove a parking spot near the intersection to improve sight lines.

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Editorial opinion

Follow the rule

#Myhaliburtonhighlands.

It's the county's slogan about which most, if not all, Highlanders have an opinion. Whether you like it or hate it – or even understand what the hashtag is doing there – you have to respect the county for trying something new to draw visitors to the Highlands.

That's the point of the county's promotional campaign – to draw in new people who will spend time and money here. It's not about you, or me, using Twitter to talk to one another. It's about using social media as a whole – including Twitter – to reach out and find those dollars.

Does it matter that half the people who live in the county don't use, or know how to use, Twitter? Not at all. What matters is that the city folks, the ones with money who want to get away from the stress of urban life and take a vacation, are on their smart phones all day long reading comments on Facebook and Twitter. Their phones ping at them, urging them to read about what's happening in the so-called Twitterverse.

Consider our hashtag as our own little billboard in that universe. Every time a message is sent with our slogan, #Myhaliburtonhighlands, it lands on that billboard where it – and the rest of our promotional messages – cross-connect and are delivered, en masse, to the masses.

It's a trap. As Twitterites are directed from one message to the next and read about the Highlands, they will learn about Haliburton County and decide to come visit. At least that's the idea.

The county believes so much in this plan that they've decided to have the slogan pull double-duty as our logo, too.

Roots is putting the logo on clothes and

it will be used on other swag and promotional materials as well.

And even if, in a few years, the hashtag is no more and people have moved on from Twitter to the next big thing, it won't matter. This is a short-term plan. County staff know trends are always changing – remember the great migration of MySpace users to Facebook – and are prepared for the minor inconvenience of removing the hashtag from the logo.

It's outrageous, then, that on Feb. 19 the county learned the Ministry of Transportation wouldn't allow the county to put a hashtag on their road signs.

We face enough challenges around here without the government stamping on our plans to fully exploit social media to our benefit. It's one thing not to allow full websites on a road sign, but a hashtag is nothing more than a single character.

One character wouldn't be a big deal, except the entire concept of our slogan hinges on the social media aspect of the campaign and that means we need the hashtag.

Although council seemed to accept the Ministry's demand to change the slogan on a boundary sign, this really is a fight worth having. Someone needs to tell the government to back off and let us run our county without their silly rules getting in the way.

We're trying to do something new and exciting to make a better Haliburton Highlands for ourselves, but as usual, our taskmasters insist on rules over results.



By Matthew Desrosiers

Electric dreams

In 1982, as the newly elected president of the St Andrew's Junior High School Computer Club, my first official duty was to acquire for the group a copy of the Eliza program, an early foray into artificial intelligence. Before then our chief source of entertainment had been reproducing an image of a naked woman on the dot matrix printer with thousands of Xs, an exercise which took about 30 minutes and produced a result that, if you stood at thirty paces and squinted, might have looked like a Henry Moore sculpture of a woman. Or a moose. With Moore it's hard to tell sometimes.

Eliza had been invented in the 1960s as an experiment in duplicating human discourse. You would type a question or statement into the computer and get a response generated by an algorithm very cleverly designed to mimic a conversational partner. Naturally our first instinct was to see if we could trip up the program, but it was pretty smart. Asking *are you a real person* might return: *is that important to you?* Or try *what's my mother's middle name* and you might get *let's focus on you instead*. Like many annoying people, Eliza had an answer for everything.

Then, in the 1990s, following better opportunities perhaps, Eliza changed her name to Emily and went to work for Bell Canada.

I was reminded of Eliza recently when the federal budget came out. It had a brief mention of \$391.5 million in extra infrastructure funding for the Trent-Severn Waterway, complete with promises of jobs and prosperity. With spring approaching and last year's floods in mind, we were curious about whether the hundreds of millions in infrastructure repairs identified as urgent in 2008 would finally get underway. The resulting email exchange went something like this:

MD: Do you have any details on how you will spend this money?

PC: "The EAP proposes to provide \$391.5M over five years..."

This investment significantly benefits communities along the Rideau Canal corridor and Trent Severn Waterway..."

MD: Are the details being withheld or do you not have them yet?

PC: "Parks Canada has just received news of the funding."

MD: You mean you didn't ask for it, give a list of specific projects to the Minister of Finance?

PC: "For information about the process and how the Minister of Finance determines the content of the federal budget, you should contact the Department of Finance by calling their media relations line at 613-...."

The only transparency on offer relates to the cynicism of the response: start with regurgitated public relations boiler plate that insults taxpayers' intelligence (actually cut and pasted from the budget itself); answer questions about priorities with a quaint tautology about priorities; repeat boiler plate; claim you don't know anything; fob off the request to someone else likely equally unhelpful.

Strange, it's a process they don't teach in courses on ethics, accountability or even public relations.

This continues because most of the media go along with the sideshow and pretend they've had their questions answered. And, because we the people hear words like *jobs*, *safety*, *investment*, *benefit* – excellent words, all of them – and turn off our reasoning skills completely.

If that's the government's strategy, they could save a lot of money. Bell customers are sick of Emily/Eliza and her passive aggressive determination to force you through voice response systems no matter how many times you yell AGENT. I'd bet that with the right offer, she'd be willing to move to Parks Canada and work with their media relations department.

That would be real savings for taxpayers, the stuff of Jim Flaherty's electric dreams.

How do you feel about that?

MD: Do you have any details on how much is allocated for the Trent Severn Waterway, how it will improve safety and create jobs, and what infrastructure is slated for investment?

PC: "This proposed funding will provide significant benefits... by creating new jobs and improving critical infrastructure. In turn, this will result in safer and more prosperous communities."

MD: What are Parks Canada's priority projects for this money?

PC: "Parks Canada will continue to allocate its resources to address its highest priorities and risks."



By Bram Lebo

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Letters to the editor

Man is a giant

Dear editor,

On Feb. 17 we celebrated Family Day. With that in mind, I would like to introduce you to a special father.

In 2002, Frank welcomed Schuyler into his home as a foster child. This young man had many special needs and behavioural challenges and through Frank's unique parenting style and a genuine caring, Schuyler gradually flourished and thrived. Coping with the turbulence of adolescence, supporting Schuyler during his years in high school, Frank provided a stable and secure family setting for Schuyler enabling him to develop at his own pace.

Frank's greatest strength was his ability to accept people as unique individuals and to apply individualized parenting to Schuyler. Frank was a strong believer in education and, with community support from the Second Circle Team, this young man graduated with a high school diploma in 2011. Frank then helped to fund Schuyler to complete the Heavy Equipment Certificate, which provided the foundation for potential future employment. Frank drove him each day to Oshawa from Haliburton for this course and sat in class with him the first week to help Schuyler.

In January of this year, Schuyler celebrated his 21st birthday and he continues to thrive while residing with Frank. Frank's willingness to "hang in there" benefited Schuyler and provided the opportunity for this young man to evolve into a valued member of the community. There is a quotation: "A man stands tall when he stoops to help a boy." In our eyes Frank you are a giant and we thank you and feel very privileged to have worked with you.

Wendy and Cliff Harding, and Dave Crowe
Helping Hands Treatment Foster Care

MP asked to explain fuel costs and floods

A letter to MP Barry Devolin

I am a constituent in your riding in south Haliburton. My wife and I saved for years to buy ourselves a family cottage. Our second year there we encountered the worst flooding in decades on the Irondale River. We found out the hard way we were not covered under our insurance and the government emergency plans only provided relief for permanent residents.

It is people like us that frequent our second residences and spend money up north to give business to the locals. Without us there would be more people up north having hard times. Needless to say our summer of 2013 was spent cleaning up and dishing out quite a bit of money (to local contractors). We have a four-season cottage so we are up there just as much in the winter as the summer.

Now I call my local propane supplier to top up our propane and it is at an all-time high of \$1.10 a litre. Not to mention having to pay the harmonized sales tax for a necessity to heat our residence. Hope you can shed some light to us on these matters Mr. Devolin. Thank you in advance.

Bill Severin and Marlene White
Haliburton County

LETTERS

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Photo of the week



Photo by Guenter Horst

This deer was taking a walk near the Scotch Line Landfill in Minden.

All hockey all the time

Dear editor,

Let's keep the momentum going! Hockey tournaments, pond hockey, outside hockey movie debut which was a first, the Winter Olympics, and Matt Duchene on the Canadian hockey team. We should be proud. Let's continue to celebrate these

events as they are being handed to us on a golden platter. We have stories to tell our visitors, and we should be shouting it out. Go Canada go, go Matt go! Where do we go to celebrate together? Let's blow our horn!

Lori Roberts-Northey

Olympic endeavours while eating cheese sandwiches

Have you been watching the Olympics? Of course you have.

What amazing athletes. What death-defying sports. What the hell are those kids thinking when they opt to compete in the moguls? Don't they know that they're looking at a world of arthritic knee joint agony when they get to my age? I cringe just watching them.

But hey, go Canada! Go moguls kids (even though most of you are French Canadian and so probably don't really want to be Canadian at all). Go Huntsville's Dara Howell in slope style! Go our Matt! Yes, he's mine too now. Go everyone, even Great Britain.

Believe it or not, Team GB has a gold medal at the Winter Olympics in the skeleton... I didn't know there was a fancy dress contest in the Olympics but hey, if a British girl has won it good on her.

The Winter Olympics are fabulous, aren't they? The phenomenal dedication of the competitors is matched by none and the feats that many perform, be they on skates, skis or snowboard, are out of this world. And then there's the unbelievable amount of work to stage the Games, too. Hmm, let's take a moment here...

Who decided to hold the Winter Olympics, winter being the operative word, in one

of the few places in Russia that has a subtropical climate? I'm not kidding. Sochi has an historic average daily temperature of six degrees Celcius in February, and as I pen this article the thermometer has hit a balmy 18 degrees.

Now, don't get me wrong. I wouldn't begrudge Russia holding the Olympic Games, but aren't there colder places over there? Places where the snow wouldn't have to be manufactured for all of the events? One of the cities close to the Ural Mountains, maybe. Siberia, perhaps? Hell, why not St. Petersburg, where all you'd have to do is build the mountains! Basically, couldn't the Winter Games have been hosted in a place that actually has a proper winter?

Holding the Games in Sochi is akin to holding the summer Olympics in the Antarctic and insisting that all the ice is melted so that Usain Bolt doesn't slip when he breaks another record in the 100 metres. And this brings me to the cost of the Sochi Games. Fifty billion dollars, come on! And not Canadian dollars either. Fifty billion of the American sort. You know, the real ones.

Now, I could get all prissy about this and list off the many, many things that could have been achieved with that kind of money

to create a better, safer, cleaner world, but lots of folks are already jumping on that bandwagon. No, I'm more for saving someone else from wasting so much cash again, or rather the guys on the construction site are.

Yes, you heard me correctly. As we sat there eating our lunch the other day the topic of the Olympics came up, and, after the obligatory discussion about hockey had been completed – the form of the goalies, why Matt hadn't played in the opening game, when we'd meet the US if any number of logistical scenarios played out (we are in Haliburton, after all) – the topic of the cost of the Games arose.

"Fifty [expletive] billion! It's [expletive] ridiculous!" blurted one fellow.

This kind of coarse rhetoric you expect on the construction site, but what followed I wasn't prepared for. The boys came up with a plan. It was a plan that would save millions, sorry, billions of dollars and make the Olympics profitable. And they did it in the space of 10 minutes. Here it is.

We should build two permanent Olympic Games venues. One should be in a warm country, say Greece, the home of the ancient Olympic Games. The other one would go

in a cold country, perhaps somewhere in or near the Rockies, Himalayas or Alps. Sounds sensible, don't you think? Then, a different city or nation could be chosen to host the Games ever four years, just as happens now, at these permanent venues. Said country could pay a few paltry million dollars to give the Olympic City a facelift, drape their flag all over the place for the two weeks and then reap the financial reward of a profitable Games.

Bingo! The conundrum of how to make the Olympic Games viable would be resolved. We would stop wasting time, money and resources, reduce environmental damage, stop creating giant white elephant stadiums around the world, and, hopefully, divert some cash to solving worthy causes like global hunger. And it was all sorted out by a bunch of guys sitting around on the floor of a job site eating cheese sandwiches.

We were rightly proud of ourselves for a couple of minutes. Then someone changed the subject and informed us that he thought Jesus was an alien ninja. But that's a story for another time.



By Will Jones

The Outsider

Highlander opinion

Eye on the street: *Have you been following the Olympics and watching Matt Duchene?*



Debbie Rogers

Gooderham

No we have not been following the Olympics, but I have a grandson and he can tell you who has won, and what they have won.

Garrett Lorenz

Wilberforce

Somewhat following the Olympics and no, I do not think I will be following Matt. I am only somewhat of a hockey fan.



Jim Hutchings

Haliburton

No, I do not follow the Olympics but there was a new team centered around spreading love and kindness and that made my eyes light up.



Karen Parish

Haliburton

Yes I have been, and definitely following Matt and Team Canada as they go on to win the gold.



Lucas Hussey

Haliburton

I have been following the Olympics and I will be watching the games and cheering him and the team on for the gold medal.

Photos and interviews by Walt Griffin

Volunteer firefighter charged with mischief

Accused of making prank call to own department

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

A volunteer firefighter has been charged with a criminal offence after allegedly making a prank call to the OPP.

At 8:30 p.m. on Feb. 14, three officers from the Haliburton Highlands detachment, 12 firefighters from the Highlands East Fire Department, and members of Haliburton County EMS were dispatched to Elephant Lake Road, near the Pine Grove Point Trailer Park Resort, after police received a call about a snowmobile in a ditch.

After a two-hour search, emergency personnel were unable to locate any such accident.

"The information was that it was a male party lying beside a snowmobile at that location," said community services officer Paul Potter.

Officers were driving around and going door-to-door in an effort to find what they were looking for, said Potter.

"They were doing everything they possibly could," he said.

As a result of their investigation, police determined that the call was in fact a prank. According to an OPP press release, they located and arrested Dwayne Meharrie, 18, of Highlands East in connection with the incident. He has been charged with public mischief and is scheduled to appear at the Minden courthouse on April 2.

Potter said that depending on the severity of the offence, a public mischief charge

can carry a maximum penalty of five years in prison.

Highlands East fire chief Bill Wingrove said that Meharrie was immediately suspended from the department.

"I was in shock with no ideas for the motive," said Wingrove in response to the news.

"This has never happened in the history of the department."

Wingrove said that during the search, firefighters were fortunate to discover a chimney fire, which they were able to deal with.

He also said that that "in the eyes of the department, [Meharrie is] innocent until

proven otherwise in a court of law."

Had anyone been injured as a result of the search, Potter said that additional charges could have been laid.

"Their [officers] safety is at risk too," he said, calling the search "quite significant."

Fortunately, no other calls came in during that two-hour window that required police assistance, said Potter.

"The issue with our resources being allocated to a fictitious call is that had someone required us at that same time for a serious incident regarding public safety elsewhere in the

county, we would not be readily available to respond accordingly."

I was in shock with no ideas for the motive.

Bill Wingrove
chief
HEFD

Province won't put new county slogan on boundary signs

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Tourism director Amanda Ranson reported that eight enhanced boundary signs on provincial highways in Haliburton County would be revised to include the county's new slogan, but that the hashtag would not be included in the slogan printed on the signs as per the Ministry of Transportation's guidelines.

The MTO's Ontario Traffic Manual does not permit Internet addresses or phone numbers on signs, and Ranson said the MTO considered the hashtag to fall in the same category as an Internet address. As a result of this restriction, the slogan on revised enhanced boundary signs will read

"My Haliburton Highlands" without the hashtag.

Ranson's report to council said that the #MyHaliburtonHighlands slogan with the hashtag might potentially still be used for five boundary signs located within the county road system, and six area profile signs provided by Canadian Tourism Oriented Directional Signage. She told council that a Google search of My Haliburton Highlands would continue to point tourists to our area and the social media campaign highlighting tourism in the area.

The cost for production and installation of revised signs is not expected to exceed \$1,000.

Early bird winner gives back to hospital foundation

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Minden resident Rick Ratcliff is the first lucky winner in this year's Cash for Care Lottery, hosted by the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF).

On Feb. 14, lottery chairman and HHHSF chair Steve McLean and Haliburton Highlands Health Services board chairman Len Logozar drew the winning ticket in the first of three early bird draws at the Haliburton hospital.

According to HHHSF executive director Dale Walker, Ratcliff donated half of his winnings back to the Foundation.

Funds raised through the second annual

lottery will be designated to the new Haliburton Highlands Palliative Care Centre, which will be announced later this spring with a campaign launch and summer groundbreaking.

This year's lottery is over 60 per cent sold out, said Walker.

"We're excited and hope to do as well as last year," she said.

Last year's lottery raised \$37,000 for the palliative care unit expansion project.

The next early bird draw (for \$500) will be held on March 17. A total of \$25,000 in cash will be given away in this year's lottery.

Tickets can be purchased through the lottery hotline at 705-457-1580 or 705-286-1580.



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March 13

9:00 am, CoTW meeting,
Minden Council Chambers
(10:00 am public session)

March 27

9:00 am, Regular meeting of Council,
Minden Council Chambers
(10:00 am public session)

Tenders

Please visit www.mindenhills.ca/tenders
for a complete list of Tenders currently
available for the Township of Minden Hills

Emergency Preparedness

Please visit the new Minden Hills website
www.mindenhills.ca for all emergency
planning information, helpful links and
related media releases.

2014 Budget

The Estimates of Expenditures and
Revenues By-Law, for the year 2014, will be
passed at the Regular meeting of Council on
February 27, 2014. Public welcome.

Winterfest Minden

Thank You!

The Township of Minden Hills would like
to thank everyone who came out to the
Winterfest event on February 16th and 17th.
We hope to keep making this event bigger
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We would also like to extend a big thank you
to the few dedicated volunteers that helped
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Minden Pharmasave for sponsoring a public
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CULTURAL CENTRE MARCH BREAK PROGRAM OUTLINE

All workshops run from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

• 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. is Art and Craft

• 12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m. is lunch and movie

• 12:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. is Eco Projects and Outdoor Games

Children need to bring a lunch and outdoor clothing and footwear
COST is \$10 per day per child (10% discount for members.) Ages: 7-12

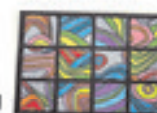
Pre-paid registration is required

Day 1 - Monday March 10th

COLOURS from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Instructor: Sarah Jowett

Drive the winter blahs away with this super workshop on colours. This will involve abstract pattern-making using
different art methods and materials like: marker, crayon, watercolour and acrylic paint



SENSES IN NATURE from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Instructor: Jaklin Casper

Stalking Game, How Clever Is Your Nose?, Nature's Guessing Game, Outside Hide and Seek, Animal Creation



Day 2 - Tuesday March 11th

LANDSCAPE COLLAGE from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Instructor: Sarah Jowett

Learn to use all form of printed media to rip, tear and match colours to create a unique landscape.



RECYCLING OLYMPICS from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Instructor: Jaklin Casper

On this day children will experience fun, home-created games using common recyclable items.

Frisbee Tic-Tac-Toe; Soda Bottle Bowling; Paper Towel Roll Ring Toss; Mini-marshmallow Launcher Contest; Egg Carton
Scavenger Hunt

Day 3 - Wednesday March 12th

DIGITIZED from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Instructor: Sarah Jowett

Using a number of digital methods this class will create art that captures some of the
newest trends in computer art.



CONIFERS from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Instructor: Jaklin Casper

On this day children will learn about coniferous trees that can be found locally and the roles those trees play in our environment.
Conifer Quest!, Creating a Birdfeeder, Treasure Clue Hunt

Day 4 - Thursday March 13th

CLAY PENDANTS from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Instructor: Sarah Jowett

Using air drying clay this workshop is about designing interesting shapes and decorating
them to make pendants as necklaces.



UPCYCLING from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Instructor: Jaklin Casper

On this day children will be introduced to the ideas and principles of upcycling materials. They will learn to reuse items that would
otherwise be discarded and turn them into cool, functional keepsakes! Pringles Can Carrier; T-shirt Scarves; CD Fish; Clothes
Pin Tag

Day 5 - Friday, March 14th

MIXED MEDIA SMORGASBORD from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Instructor: Sarah Jowett

Not only is this fun in trying all kinds of artist and creative application but
the images of food made at the end is going to be scrumptious art!



SURVIVOR from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Instructor: Jaklin Casper

On this day we will be having a friendly game of Survivor! Instead of being voted out, participants gain points for each successful
challenge. Each player will be given a coloured bandana and a faux torch. Blindfold Soda Can Tower; Timed Puzzle; Windows

See page 11 for additional ads

Highlander arts

Down our Road Like it was



By Sharon Lynch

Sally couldn't believe she could be this cold. The furniture was like blocks of ice: stiff and hard. As the flames licked at the kindling she imagined the heat slowly moving out from the stove, like an invisible wave hitting a granite rock cut. It would take hours before the fire would make a dent in its frigid surroundings.

Coming to the cottage had been a spur of the moment decision. She had just about had it with her job and knew she had to get away from it and the city for a few days. She called it 'changing the channel' and hoped this would enable her to return home with a fresh perspective. But now she was second-guessing her move as she thought longingly of her furnace and triple glazed windows three hours to the south.

Of course there was no running water in the cottage so no toilet. Drinking water sat in a large blue jug on the small kitchen counter and she filled the kettle before placing it on the stove. Thank goodness there was electricity. A mug of hot tea would help her warm up.

Outside was black and white, colour having left with the warmth. The bush was starkly dark broken by humps of white pillows on branches and stumps. She knew there was life hidden away in there. Sally had seen the deer and rabbit tracks when she walked between her car and the cottage steps. But the landscape was as silent as death at the moment.

The outhouse beckoned. Luckily there was a piece of Styrofoam tucked behind the porch door that would fit the old seat. It was a remnant from the days when her brothers used to come regularly for snowmobiling. Sally had to break trail to reach the little green shed with the half-moon cut under the eaves. Snowshoes would have made such a difference and now she could feel where snow had managed to work its way inside her boots.

When she returned to the cottage she decided to grab the bucket and fill it with water from the river. No good for drinking but once heated she could use it for washing. Since she was already swaddled in clothing she might as well head down to where

the river ran every day of the year, no matter what. Lacey trees hung above the water, their limbs coated in the frozen spray that was thrown up by the current. She could see where animals smaller than her had also come for water, sans buckets.

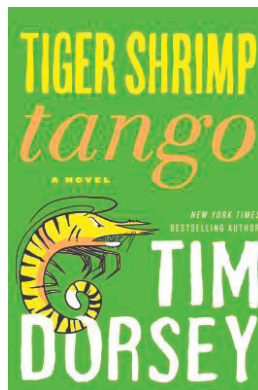
The woodstove had started to have an impact, at least in the living room where it commanded attention. Its comforting smoky smell greeted Sally as soon as she opened the door, being careful not to spill the bucket as she hoisted it over the threshold. Having decided to close off the bedrooms and sleep on the sofa close to the stove, she bustled around closing doors and covering the windows with blankets. Keeping out the cold became her foremost goal.

Suddenly she felt very hungry. Perhaps the cold combined with making her way through deep snow, she thought as she opened a can of brown beans and put it on the stove. A thick slab of bread, maybe even two, would go nicely with the beans and she placed the butter dish beside the pot of beans to soften it up a little. No salad for her today. When the beans were steaming she spooned them into a cold bowl and took that with the buttered bread into the living room.

The old rocker was still cold but no longer frigid and she pulled it closer to the fire. The hot food left her feeling satisfied and warm for the first time since arriving. Sally looked around. The room had not changed much in twenty years. Old family photos and her own college posters still looked back at her from the pine walls. There was the frayed corner where the old Lab had chewed it when he was a pup. These familiar sights were timeless and comforting. The stress of the past week was loosening its hold on Sally and she felt her body relaxing into the warmth. For the next two days her only chores would be to haul water, keep warm and fed. In her otherwise complicated life, Sally could think of nothing more satisfying.

Haliburton County's Hot Reads

The following are popular new additions to the Haliburton County Public Library's collection this week.



HCPL's TOP FICTION

1. *Tiger Shrimp Tango* by Tim Dorsey
2. *Ripper: a novel* by Isabel Allende
3. *One More Thing: stories and other stories* by B.J. Novak

HCPL's TOP NON-FICTION

1. *Fodor's San Francisco with the Wine Country, 2014*
2. *Weight Watchers What to Cook Now: 300 recipes for every kitchen*
3. *The Particle at the End of the Universe: how the hunt for the Higgs Boson leads us to the edge of a new world* by Sean Carroll

HCPL's TOP JUNIOR TITLES

1. *Blues for Zoey* by Robert Paul Weston (YA)
2. *The 39 Clues: Unstoppable Breakaway* by Jeff Hirsch (JF)

AUDIO and VIDEO at HCPL

1. *Last Vegas* (DVD)
2. *Worthy Brown's Daughter* by Phillip Margolin (Book on CD)

LIBRARY NEWS

RAPP: Reading and Parent Program registration starts March 4. This four book program features a book, craft, and activities for your child to share with their siblings. Packs are designed for children 3-5 years of age. Register by dropping into the Dysart Branch or by calling 705-457-2241. Packs will be available to check out on March 19. In partnership with the Early Literacy Department of Ontario Early Years.



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Highlander business

Microbrewery sets up at Abbey Gardens

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

The Haliburton Highlands will soon be home to another brewing company.

On Feb. 11, cottagers-turned-residents Michael and Jewelle Schiedel-Webb announced that their new venture, Haliburton Highlands Brewing, has entered the Ontario craft beer market and the local food scene.

"We've always loved the north," said Jewelle in an interview. "We were thrilled when we started exploring this idea of opening our own craft brewery operation."

The married couple started cottaging on Cruiser Lake 10 years ago. They thought of getting into the craft beer market in 2012.

"The scene is really growing in Ontario, the market really seemed like an ideal opportunity in this community," she said. "So we were really interested in exploring that."

They began researching the market and learning about the industry before deciding to take things further. Michael completed the brewing technology program at the Siebel Institute and World Brewing Academy and developed hands-on experience in brewery production through internships at Shades of Pale in Park City, Utah and Rahr & Sons Brewing in Fort Worth, Texas.

As head brewer, Michael will be responsible for brewery productions and systems. Jewelle will draw on her 20-plus years of management and operations experience to

manage all of the business, regulatory and financial aspects of operating the brewery.

When looking for a suitable location for the brewery, Dysart et al reeve Murray Fearrey pointed the couple to Abbey Gardens in West Guilford.

"We started reaching out to different people, we talked to the reeve... they definitely liked the idea," said Michael, who ended up meeting with John Patterson, president of Abbey Gardens, and board member Barb Bolin.

In a press release, Michael said that the partnership is a meaningful one because "Abbey Gardens' objectives and operating principles and our vision and goals for Haliburton Highlands Brewing are deeply aligned."

For example, Abbey Gardens will compost spent grains from the brewing process to augment the production of soil for the gardens. The 900-square-foot production facility – which has already been built courtesy of Abbey Gardens – will incorporate a closed-loop system to recycle the cooling water used in the production process. This is expected to reduce the amount of waste water produced by the brewery.

"When you produce beer, it's a very water-intensive process," explained Jewelle. "If you're doing a good job, your ratio of water used to beer produced is 5:1. It can be as bad as 10:1."

She added that they are looking at other possibilities, including utilizing items that are



Photo by Mark Arike

Jewelle and Michael Schiedel-Webb stand in front of their 900-square-foot building which will house Haliburton Highlands Brewing. The operation is located on the property of Abbey Gardens.

produced in the gardens in their beers.

This summer the Schiedel-Webb's plan to test the market with their pilot production system.

"Our expectation for this summer is that we're basically testing the market to determine how big our production should be for phase two. The advantage of having a smaller pilot system, initially, is it gives us flexibility to be able to do smaller batches, try different things... [there's] less risk," said Jewelle.

But first, they must complete all of the requisite legal paperwork needed to bring their plans to fruition.

"We have to get through our licensing process, which is the big thing," said Michael. "That's probably [going to take] six weeks to two months."

They currently have three beers in the works – a blonde, pale ale and Abbey ale.

"We expect that we would probably have a couple of standard beers... and then a rotation of seasonals," said Jewelle.

"We want to brew what Haliburton wants to drink."

The pair has initiated focus group testing and expects to start selling their selections to the public this summer.

THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS IN SEASON, EVERY SEASON

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on Thursday, February 27th, 2014 at the hour of 10:00 a.m., by-laws to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:

1. File No. SRA-13-13
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Canning Lake, lying in front of Lot 11, Concession 14, geographic Township of Snowdon, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9586, registered January 15, 2014.
2. File No. SRA-13-08
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Big Bob Lake, lying in front of Lot 12, Concession 3, geographic Township of Anson, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-9585, registered January 14, 2014.

The above noted plans of survey are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-laws at the meeting to be held at the time and place noted above, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor, or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-laws and who applies to be heard.

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this 13th day of February, 2014.

Adam King, M.R.M.
Planning Administrator

THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS IN SEASON, EVERY SEASON

We are currently seeking tenders for a

One (1) Slip-in Water Tank

From qualified suppliers to the Township of Minden Hills, Roads Department.

Interested parties are invited to submit a completed Request for Tender package available at www.mindenhills.ca or from the Administrative Assistant at sprentice@mindenhills.ca in a sealed envelope, clearly marked "One (1) Slip-in Water Tank" no later than Wednesday, March 12th, 2014 by 12:00 noon addressed to the following:

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PO Box 359, 7 Milne Street,
Minden, ON
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Attention: Mr. Kevin Hills, CRS-S, Road Superintendent

Tenders are scheduled to be opened at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 12, 2014 in the Administration office, second floor boardroom.

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Highlander sports



Photo by Mark Arike

Regan Casey flies down the hill in the COSSA championship event at Sir Sam's Ski & Bike. Casey came first in the boys' division.

Hal High boarders dominate standings

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) boarders pulled off a solid performance at the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics (COSSA) snowboarding finals at Sir Sam's Ski & Bike

on Feb. 14. "[Grade 9 student] Regan Casey had an excellent day," said coach Caley Sisson, adding that the top racer in the boys' division had consistent times and demonstrated a solid performance. On the girls' team, Jamie Figueria of Fenelon Falls Secondary School (FFSS)

narrowly defeated Grade 11 student Robin Hogarth. Teams were made up of five members, with the top three times determining their placing. The HHSS girls finished in first place, while on the boys' side HHSS came second and the FFSS team placed third. Sisson confirmed that both Casey and

Hogarth will be contenders for top three at the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (OFSAA) based on Friday's performance. A total of 12 boys and six girls from HHSS and FFSS have qualified for OFSAA. The local high school team is made up of racers in Grades 9-12.



Photo by Mark Arike

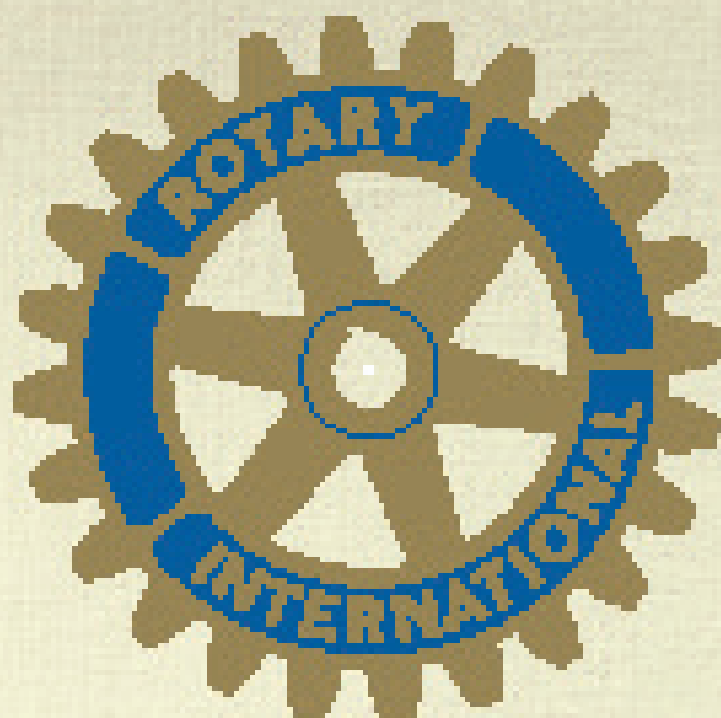
Stuart Chaulk scored one goal in the Red Hawk's 4-2 victory over the Thomas A. Stewart Secondary School's hockey team on Feb. 19.

Hawks land victory in playoff opener

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

The Red Hawks earned their first playoff win this season with a 4-2 victory over Thomas A. Secondary School on Feb. 19 at the A.J. LaRue Arena. The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School varsity team dominated the first two periods, but had to fend off their opponents who caught up with two goals in the third. "I always get excited in third periods," said head coach Ron Yake after the game.

"I know that no lead is a comfortable lead." Yake admitted that the Peterborough team dominated the third, but overall he was very satisfied with his team's performance. The Hawks' three goal scorers included Tyler Barry with two, Tanner Hamilton with one and Stuart Chaulk with one. The team's next game will be held on home ice on Feb. 27 at 10 a.m. "It's going to be either [against] Fenelon Falls, LCVI or Crestwood," said Yake. "We don't know. It all depends on the other series." For updates visit haliburtonhighlander.ca.



ROTARY CLUB OF HALIBURTON 2014 AUCTION

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Highlander sports

Tales from the track: races inspire stories

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

The Minden fairgrounds are booming with noise and excitement as the Minden Kinsmen host their annual ice-racing event that comes to a close this weekend, depending on rain. The Kin Club have been creating and maintaining the ice track for the last 40 years, and an estimated 400 people meet at the track each weekend to get their motors running in the grassroots sport. The people who visit the racetrack are as varied as the decorations on the cars themselves, and each have a story to tell, usually from up on the snow bank as they watch the cars speed by.

Heather Hughes and Tammy Douglas are sisters-in-law. They both share a love for racing, and fond memories of Heather's husband and Tammy's brother, Andy. Andy was Minden's Ice Race Director but died of a sudden heart attack in July 2013.

"I cried the first time I went out there after he had died," said Douglas, who has been

racing since 2008 and is a repeated champ in her category. "I didn't want to go out there, but then I did. I won the race and was crying as I did it."

Hughes said the ice racing community paid tribute to Andy and his passionate love for the sport by selling memorial decals with his name and retired number printed on it. Proceeds from sales of the decal are being donated to the Heart and Stroke Foundation in Andy's memory.

All Jim Carroll's daughter wanted for her birthday was to ice race. Jessica had fallen in love with the sport when she was a teenager, because her dad – a Kinsman and an ice racer himself – took her to the track with him. Last week, Jessica's birthday wish came true. Her brother bought her a racing competition licence, and her parents paid for her race entry so that she could partake of the races while visiting from Orillia. "She didn't win, but she enjoyed it," said Carroll.

Carroll said that most first-time racers take part in a rookie school offered at the track each weekend. Drivers require a driver's

licence, a competition licence, and they must be registered as a member of a car club. After race and rule instruction, drivers are able to get out on the track with a professional, and then they get to race a car themselves.

"I can't think of any better training for young drivers," said Carroll.

Carroll's daughter has won the rookie award and a female driver award in the past, proving that the racing spirit definitely runs in the family.

A film crew from Mobil 1's The Grid TV show was at the ice track on Feb. 15 to film part of a series on grassroots motorsport stories in Ontario. Jose Ganes, an associate producer from England, and David Swain, the Mobil 1 Grassroots Motorsports coordinator, were in town for one night and flew back to their respective homes that night with three

hours of footage.

"Minden is one of only a few places in Canada that organizes ice racing," said Swain, who declared that the ice race series

sponsored by the Kinsmen and Canadian Automobile sports club is one of the best. "I'm always impressed that one day the director of the Grid is interviewing a top NASCAR driver with his



Photo by Sue Tiffin

Racers slide around the Minden ice track.

multi-million dollar team, and the next day interviewing someone from Minden with his couple of thousand dollar team – yet the passion from each driver is the same. They love what they do."

The crew has filmed amateur track racing, truck pulling, and were able to experience Ontario's winter to get footage of ice racing in Minden. The show will air at the end of February or early March.

Duchene receives family support in Sochi

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

If they could, most locals would be in Sochi to cheer on hometown hero Matt Duchene as he represents Canada at the Olympics.

In their absence, however, the Duchene family, parents Chris and Vince, and sister Jess, are there to support the young hockey star as he plays on the biggest stage of his career.

Although Duchene was scratched for the opener against Norway on Feb. 13, his father said "it was the best for him."

"Being so young he could digest what was going on and really get a sense of the ice surface, speed and type of play," said Vince in an e-mail. "It also took nerves away and stress so we were quite happy with that."

The team got off to a good start with a 3-1 victory.

Duchene laced up his skates for the second game, which saw Team Canada trounce Austria 6-0 on Feb. 14. It was his very first time on Olympic ice.

"He said it was very surreal and he tried to take it all in as much as he could," said Vince. "As far as how he felt playing, he said it was difficult because he hadn't played a game in awhile and because he was starting as an extra player he didn't take reps at practice with a line so... it was hard to get up to speed. He also said the ice is really soft by the third game of the day and it was like skating in sand."

Vince said he and his wife were both pleased with their son's first performance.

"As far as Chris and I, we were very relaxed and thought he played well and did what he needed to do. He complimented [Ryan] Getzlaf and [Corey] Perry and their style of play too."

The team advanced to the quarterfinals after beating Finland on Sunday in a 2-1 overtime win.

Vince called it "a typical game on European/Olympic ice."

"They basically played us to try and win 1-0 and it almost worked," he said. "They collapse five in front of their net and keep us to the outside which doesn't give us any opportunities inside the dots. Very boring and frustrating to watch but also typical hockey in the early rounds as the weaker teams try and just stay in the games against strong teams."

Duchene loves the team and coaching staff, according to his father.

"They are very focused and that's the way he likes it."

The proud parents of the Colorado Avalanche centre, who arrived in Sochi last Saturday night, have been taking it all in, including the tremendous showing of support from the Haliburton community. When the Olympics started, many local businesses put up signs in their storefronts encouraging Duchene to "bring it home."

"I took photos of the store fronts for a keepsake and also sent them to Matt," said Vince. "We are all extremely proud of our town for doing that and humbled greatly as well."

Recently, the Highland Storm Minor Hockey Association sent Duchene a signed banner to wish him good luck.

"Wanna thank my hometown hockey organization for sending this banner over with my family," said Duchene in a tweet, which included a photo of him and his sister Jess. "Me and my sis lovin it!"

Team Canada defeated Latvia 2-1 on Feb. 19 to advance to the semi-finals against Team USA of Feb. 20.

Haliburton dog sled team finishes eighth in Yukon Quest

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Hank DeBruin's 1,000-mile adventure is over.

On the morning of Feb. 14, the 51-year old Haliburton musher and 11 of his Siberian huskies crossed the finish line in the 29th annual Yukon Quest International Sled Dog Race. DeBruin came in eighth place out of 11 participants who successfully completed the race (seven mushers were withdrawn or scratched).

DeBruin completed the race in 12 days, 18 hours – an entire day ahead of his race time in the 2011 event.

"He is thrilled with the second half of his race... everywhere we went people were talking about the Siberian team and the amazing speed they were moving at," said DeBruin's wife Tanya McCready in an e-mail.

DeBruin tied competitor Hugh Neff for the second fastest time from the checkpoint in Braeburn to the finish line in Takhini.

"When you are running against Alaskan huskies and the best teams in the world, that is pretty darn exciting for a Siberian team to accomplish," said McCready. "It has garnered a lot of attention up here."

She said the entire team was in great shape after the race. One dog, Hosta, slipped on a hill before the finish line and "came limping in a bit."

This year's race began on Feb. 1 in Fairbanks, Alaska and saw racers travel through 13 checkpoints. The winner, Allen Moore of Two Rivers, Alaska, crossed the finish line on Feb. 10.

DeBruin, who owns Winterdance Dogsled Tours with McCready, also participated in the 1,000-mile Iditarod race in 2010 and 2012.



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Highlander sports

Smolen Dentistry

Bantam A

Submitted by Craig Smith

The Highland Storm Smolen Dentistry Bantam A started their OMHA playoff quarter-final series this weekend against Ennismore. Game 1 Saturday was in Haliburton as the Storm lost 7-1. Jake Bishop scored the only goal unassisted.

Game 2 was in Ennismore on Sunday and the boys proved that anyone can have a bad game once in awhile. The Storm came out strong but the Eagles scored at the five-minute mark to make it 1-0. Chase Burden tied it up with 6:21 left with Greg Crofts and Chris Thompson getting the assists. Then with 3:27 left, Matt Wilbee scored assisted by Thompson. The Eagles managed to tie it up early in the second until the 3:38 mark when Ethan Keefer fired a shot from the point to give them the lead 3-2. The final goal of the game came at 4:24, which was Wilbee's second of the game unassisted.

Game 3 is in Minden, Friday at 8:30 p.m. Game 4 is in Ennismore on Saturday at 7:30 p.m., and if need be Sunday in Minden at 3 p.m. Come out and cheer the boys on.



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Lions Club Atom AE

Submitted by Tammy Smith

This past week the Lions Club Highland Storm Atom AEs treated their fans to a classic hockey playoff series that thrilled packed arenas in both Huntsville and Minden.

The exciting best-of-five series took six games to decide, pitted the underdog Highland Storm against the first place Huntsville Otters, and featured brilliant shutout performances by Darian Willis, two nail-biting three-goal comebacks by the Storm, and a breathless overtime finale. It does your heart good to see young children playing so competitively and delivering clutch goals, clutch saves, tireless puck battles and Canadian hockey grit.

The Storm lost the series 3-2.

It's not whether you win or lose, it's how you play the game. These nine and 10-year-olds played their hearts out for their teammates and fans. The two games in which this team fought back from two or three-goal deficits to tie games up are some of the most exciting games I've ever watched. This is what I love about hockey.

Thanks for all your hard work this season. Well-done team. Thank you parents. Thank you fans. Thank you coaches.

Dollo's Foodland Peewee A

Submitted by Larry Bukta

The Dollo's Foodland Highland Storm Peewee A team, up 2-0 in their series, travelled to Gananoque on Saturday to play their third game.

Gananoque opened the scoring five minutes into the first period, but the Storm team tied it up a few minutes later on a power-play goal by Lucas Haedicke who seized an opportunity from close in on a rebound. The Storm team then had to kill back-to-back penalties over the next four minutes and successfully shut down the Gananoque offense.

The rest of the game featured a strong Highland Storm defence and great goaltending by Carson Sisson. The Storm team had a number of chances to put in the go-ahead goal as they swarmed the Gananoque end, but just couldn't put one

in. Tied 1-1 the two teams went into a nail-biting overtime period. The Storm were just one goal away from eliminating Gananoque and as the final minute ticked down it looked like the game was going to end in a tie. The Storm, however, started from a faceoff in the Gananoque end and poured on the pressure. There was a wild scramble in front of the Gananoque goal and Owen Gilbert banged in a loose puck with 21.1 seconds left to give the Storm the series-winning goal.

The Dollo's Foodland Highland Storm Peewee A team now advance to the Ontario Peewee B semi-finals with the game schedule yet to be announced. Good work and congratulations to the boys and the coaching staff for a successful series featuring some great hockey.

Minden CARQUEST Midget B Girls

Submitted by Dan Marsden

The Highland Storm Minden CARQUEST Midget B Girls started their second round league playoffs against the number one seed Ennismore Eagles on the road.

The Storm girls travelled to Lakefield Wednesday night to take on the high-flying Eagles in a best of three, four-point series. The Storm whirled up a tremendous effort taking on the challenge to keep Ennismore off the score sheet, despite being outshot 33-13. Connor Marsden stopped all Eagle snipers in her well-deserved shut-out tie of another 0-0 game.

The tie guarantees a Game 3 back in Ennismore on March 5 after the Storm hosts the Eagles in Minden March 2.

The girls started their four-game provincial play-downs this past weekend on the road against Keene on Saturday, and Cold Creek on Sunday.

Against Keene, the Storm girls secured an early lead off a point shot from Maddie Allore mid-way through the first period. The Wolverines lived up to their name and never gave up, fighting back, tying the game up in the second period. Keene capitalized on their chances and scored two more unanswered goals securing the 3-1 win.

The Storm girls travelled to Frankford

the next afternoon to play the Cold Creek Comets in their second game of four, in the four-game provincial play-down format.

The Comets, last year's league's Midget B Champions, put the Storm to the test with their aggressive and tenacious play, challenging the Storm every shift of the game. Despite a strong effort, the girls lost 1-0.

We will now try and play spoiler against Ennismore this Saturday, Feb. 22, in Minden at 2 p.m. in the provincial's bid, as well as West Northumberland the following Saturday, in Minden on March 1 at 2 p.m.

Peppermill Atom A

Submitted by Kathy Martin

We were fortunate to have many Peewee parents and players come to cheer the Highland Storm Peppermill Atom A Team on in Game 1 of our playoff series against Gananoque. Many thanks to those who were able to stay, and a huge thank you to Ashley Walker for being our acting team trainer for the game.

Tyler Martin put the Storm on the scoreboard not two minutes into the game assisted by Alex Little. Tim Turner snuck the second goal in less than a minute later. The game was off to an amazing start. Little had a nice shot unassisted to make the score 3-0 for the Storm. With just two minutes remaining in the first period, Jake Sisson and Cody Martin got together to finish the period off with a 5-0 Storm lead.

In the second period Brendan Newhook found the five hole at the 6:35 mark to open the scoring and, with just two minutes remaining, Tyler Martin brought the score to 7-0. Our defensive line of Colin Glecoff, Cole Prentice, and Aaron Bellefleur stood strong and didn't back down! Awesome game guys!

The team was fired up and ready for the second game of the series. By the end of the game, down two players, we were victorious by a score of 5-2.

We hope to finish off the series Friday night in front of our hometown crowd in Minden at 7 p.m. so come and cheer them on.

Fast Lane Bowling Scores

Monday afternoon, Feb. 10	High single handicap: Solveg Stout – 330	Cathy Snell – 737	270	Luke Shapiera – 155		Marshall – 284
Men	High triple: Solveg Stout – 482	Barry Hughes – 554	Rae Shephard – 212	Brandon Bailey – 142	High triple	High single handicap: Tom Marshall – 284
High average: Ken Thompson – 209	High triple handicap: 744	High triple handicap	High single handicap	Trevor Brauer – 141	Gerry Wagg – 634	High triple: Tom Marshall – 637
High single: Fred Phipps – 262		Cathy Snell – 758	Ernie Winterburn – 317	Women	Joan Bell – 506	High triple handicap: Tom Marshall – 801
High single handicap: Fred Phipps – 303	Monday night, Feb. 10	Eugene Bond – 690	Rae Shephard – 267	Sklar Pratt – 158	High triple handicap	
High triple: Fred Phipps – 603	High single	High average	High triple	Lisa Burk – 127	Gerry Wagg – 757	Women
High triple handicap: Fred Phipps – 736	Cathy Snell – 273	Cathy Snell – 218	Ken Thompson – 670	Robin Fletcher – 127	Joan Bell – 674	High average: Chris Cote – 191
	Barry Hughes – 213	Rick West – 207	Rae Shephard – 514	Buddy Plouffe – 117		High single: Ren Higgins – 189
Women	High single handicap	Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 11	High triple handicap	Thursday afternoon, Feb. 13	High average	High single handicap: Ren Higgins – 232
High average: Chris Cote – 193	Janine Duckworth – 312	High average	Ken Thompson – 733	High single	Gloria Wagg – 180	High triple: Ren Higgins – 530
High single: Solveg Stout – 221	Barry Hughes – 256	Claude Cote – 203	Rae Shephard – 679	Don Chapman – 256	Gerry Wagg – 175	High triple handicap: Sharon Brantom – 681
	High triple	Chris Cote – 189		Elli Welch – 215		
		High single	Wednesday Special Olympics, Feb. 5	High single handicap	Friday afternoon, Feb. 14	
		Ernie Winterburn –	Men	Don Chapman – 302	Men	
				Joan Bell – 285	High average: Claude Cote – 208	
					High single: Tom	

Junior highlanders



Photo by Mark Arike

Some of the #MyHaliburtonHighlands Film Festival award winners, from left: Taylor Vince, Seamus Lynch, Justin Schofield, Youki Stagg, Rowan Tofflemire, Robbie Hall, Johnathan Prestwich, Connor Brandon and Marci Mandel.

Film fest winners show off the Highlands

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

The winners of the #MyHaliburtonHighlands Film Festival were announced on Feb. 13 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton.

Between November and January, county residents were invited to create a short movie (anywhere from six seconds to under two minutes long) to express why the Haliburton Highlands is a special place to them. The short videos made their debut on a 40-foot screen on the night of the movie premiere for “There’s Something in the Water?”

The winners received cash prizes ranging from \$50 to \$250.

The film festival was managed by Sticks and Stones Productions and sponsored

by the Haliburton County Development Corporation’s Economic Innovations Committee.

The winners are: Sierra Birlhelmer (public school - 30 seconds), Seamus Lynch (public school - two minutes), Connor Brandon (high school - six seconds), Jalen Campbell (high school - 30 seconds, family - six seconds), Johnathan Prestwich (high school - two minutes, best animation), Marci Mandel (over 17 - six seconds), Taylor Vince (over 17 - 30 seconds), Justin Schofield (over 17 - two minutes), Mandel/Bainbridge families (family - 30 seconds), Miko and Youkie Stagg (family - two minutes), Justin Schofield and Jalen Campbell (tie for best cinematography/direction), Sheri Hawkins (best original score/song), and Rowan Tofflemire and Robbie Hall (people’s choice).

Through my eyes Finding myself in the Highlands



By Austin McGillion

Moving to Haliburton has been a positive change in my life. I have Asperger’s. The condition makes it difficult for me to deal with most social situations. When you throw in an anxiety disorder, I struggle to immerse myself in most things others take for granted.

I moved to Haliburton in 2011 to get away from life in the city of Burlington, North Carolina. After living through the so-called “grueling winters” and experiencing life in this lovely town, I don’t understand why I didn’t move here sooner. Folks in North Carolina told me I wouldn’t enjoy it here, that the winters were too harsh. Well, they were wrong. Haliburton has plenty of recreational features, but it also has superior care for its citizens. In comparison to North Carolina’s four major hospitals, Haliburton only has one, but it’s amazing.

I live with my grandmother and our dog Sophie, a little shorkie (Shih Tzu / Yorkshire terrier cross). I enjoy the solitude and quiet of our humble home. When I lived in North Carolina with my mother and two younger siblings, it was always noisy and chaotic. This kept me in a constant state of agitation. Moving to Canada with my grandmother was a good choice. It’s given me the opportunity to live in a quiet, calm environment.

I attended Haliburton Highlands Secondary School for just over a year and am now enrolled at the AETC (Alternate Education Teaching Centre). I liked the high school, but again I had difficulties with the hustle and bustle that come with large groups of people.

I would have preferred to be in the same room all day with the same kids and teacher, but I was told that it was important to learn how to change classes because it would help when I found employment. I thought to myself that, when I go to work, I will work at the same place with the same people every day. I didn’t get it.

The AETC allows me to study from home at my own speed, which removes the anxiety from my day-to-day life. I am so grateful to those folks for understanding and working with me. Socializing and interacting with people is not my strong point and I prefer working independently, so this arrangement has worked out very well.

I am trying to figure out what kind of career I want to pursue, but that is a difficult task for me. I did a co-op at the Fish Hatchery last semester and I enjoyed learning about fish, conservation and environment, but I found the work repetitive and it didn’t engage me. This semester, I decided to try something new.

Because I love to read and write stories, The Highlander has given me an opportunity, through co-op education, to explore journalism. I will be writing a monthly column about my daily challenges as a person with Asperger’s Syndrome. Hopefully through my column I can shed some light on this condition, and help remove some of the stigma attached to it.

I will also be writing some video game and movie reviews. It’s something new for The Highlander, but I am excited and eager to get started.

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Warren, Barry - With great sadness, Barry passed away on Sunday, January 26, 2014 at Scarborough General Hospital. Dear brother of Brenda. Remembered by Karin and furry friend Emerson. Predeceased by his parents Ross and Alda (nee Robitaille) Warren. A special thanks to the wonderful friends in Barry's life. Cremation has taken place. Interment to be held at a later date at Pine Hills Cemetery (Toronto, Ontario).



In Loving Memory of Margery May Bennett

Former resident of Minden, died peacefully at Belmont House, Toronto on February 17th 2014 in her 97th year.

Beloved wife of the late Arthur Bennett and mother of Susan (Maurice) Barnwell of Toronto and Peter (Sue) Bennett of Minden. Loving grandmother to Misty (Richard) Beers of Aurora and Tiffany (Craig) Barniks of Toronto and great grandmother to Caitlyn Beers and Camden Barniks. Elder sister of Jean (deceased) and Betty of Penkhull, England.

Cremation has taken place. There will be no funeral but a Memorial get-together will be arranged in the Spring.

Memorial Donations to the Charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427 Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.

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Vera Loiselle

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital on Tuesday morning, February 11, 2014 in her 70th year. Beloved wife of the late Hartley Bacon. Predeceased by her mother Irene Loiselle. Fondly remembered by her cousin Kim Carrier, her sister-in-law Colleen Wilson (Robert), and by her extended family. Vera enjoyed gambling, her flower garden and sunny days. She loved to laugh and enjoyed quiet times with Hartley.

Graveside Service & Reception

A Graveside Service will be held at Ingoldsby Cemetery in the Spring. As expressions of sympathy, donations to Haliburton 4C's or the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209.



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In Loving Memory of Lee Blair

Passed away peacefully at the University Hospital, London, with his heart still at home in Haliburton on Wednesday, February 12, 2014 with his loving family and best friend at his side, at the age of 80.

Beloved husband of Marie (nee LeBoutillier). Dear father of Marnie of Haliburton. Dear brother of the late Lloyd Blair and Eva Little. Fondly remembered by his nieces and nephews, family and friends.

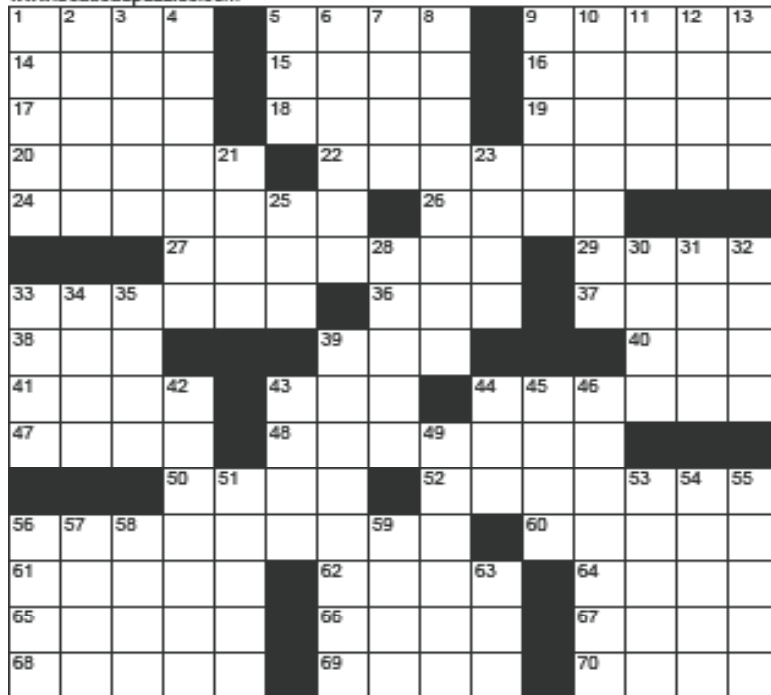
Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Road, P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Friday, February 14, 2014 from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm and on Saturday, February 15, 2014 at the Haliburton United Church, 10 George St., Haliburton from 10:00 am until the time of the Funeral Service at 11:00 am. Reception followed in the Fellowship Room at the Church. Spring Interment at Ingoldsby Pioneer Cemetery.

Memorial Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

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ACROSS

1. Throw
5. Drinks slowly
9. Solemn
14. Yodeler's feedback
15. Rope fastening
16. Chest
17. Nasty
18. ____ of Man
19. Bridle straps
20. Mamas' mates
22. Conclude
24. Former (hyph.)
26. ____ Valley
(vineyard site)
27. Modified
29. Persia, today
33. Inferior
36. Utilize
37. Delicate fabric
38. Pub brew
39. Blasting letters
40. Vane dir.
41. Winter vehicle
43. Fourth letter
44. Eased up
47. Hindu garb
48. Infuriates
50. Realtor's sign
52. Of the seashore
56. Most rapid
60. Hospital worker
61. Roaming tribesman
62. Wild disorder
64. Pout
65. Ascend
66. Biblical prophet
67. Eternally
68. Anchorman ____ Jennings
69. Coffee break
70. Refuse

DOWN

1. Musical speed
2. Atlantic or Indian
3. Figure
4. Musical works
5. Go downhill
6. Foot part
7. ____ vault
8. Most severe
9. Undress
10. Pedicure subject
11. Diva's offering
12. Contradictive contraction
13. Medicine amount
21. Aspect
23. Manufactured
25. Ruin
28. Radio receiver
30. Rave's partner
31. Teen skin problem
32. Destitution
33. Highland miss
34. Singer ____ Fitzgerald
35. Prophet
39. Less chewy
42. Ailment
43. Sub shop
44. In the past
45. Chili ingredient
46. Took for granted
49. Cast members
51. More unusual
53. Treasure ____
54. Poplar type
55. Wary
56. Ginger cookie
57. Skin opening
58. Send out
59. Small or large, e.g.
63. Make a doily

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2014 EVENTS

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Seniors standing balance exercise class – Minden Hospital, every Thursday, 2 p.m.	Minden Lion's Club spaghetti dinner – Minden Lions Club Hall, 5-7 p.m., \$10 per person.	Chamber Business Achievement Awards Gala - Pinestone Resort, 6 p.m.	Open mic jamboree – Kinmount Legion, 1-5 p.m.
Pickleball – Haliburton Highlands Secondary School gym, 7-9:45 p.m. \$4 and must have clean, indoor court or running shoes. (every Thursday)			Haliburton Legion Ladies Auxiliary breakfast – Haliburton Legion, 9:30-1 p.m.
20	21	22	23
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Table tennis – Minden Community Centre, every Monday, 5:30-7:30 p.m.	Seniors standing balance exercise class – Minden Hospital, every Tuesday, 10 a.m.		Seniors standing balance exercise class – Minden Hospital, every Thursday, 2 p.m.
	Volunteer income tax program – Haliburton Legion, 9:30-2 p.m. Every Tuesday until April 22.		Haliburton Legion Ladies Auxiliary meeting – Haliburton Legion, 1 p.m.
24	25	26	27
FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Photographer Dr. Ron Goodlin presentation – Minden Community Centre, 7 p.m. \$5 at the door.			March 3
WHAT'S GOING ON AT YOUR LEGION FEB 20 - FEB 26, 2014			
Haliburton Branch (705-457-2571) General meeting, 2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Ladies Auxiliary, last Thursday, 1 p.m. Meat draw, Friday, 4:30-6:30 p.m. \$2/draw. 50/50 draw, Saturday, 4 p.m. Breakfast, 2nd and 4th Sunday, 9:30-1 p.m. Bid Euchre, Wednesday, 1 p.m. Bingo, Wednesday, 7 p.m.	Minden Branch (705-286-4541) Lunch menu, Monday – Friday, 12-2 p.m. Cribbage, Saturday, 1-3 p.m. Seniors "B-d" Euchre, Tuesday, 1 p.m. Meat Draw, Wednesday, lunchtime. Ladies darts, Thursday, 1 p.m. Euchre, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Fish/Wings & Chips, Friday, 5-7 p.m. Mixed darts, Friday, 7:30 p.m.	Wilberforce Branch (705-448-2221) Pool, Friday, 1:30 p.m. Spaghetti dinner, Friday, 5-7 p.m. Jam session, Friday, 7 p.m. Everyone welcome! Ken McFarlane Memorial Lake Trout Derby, Saturday. Meat draw, Saturday, 2 p.m. Pancake & sausage, Sunday, 8-11 a.m. Bid euchre, Monday, 7 p.m. Fun darts, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.	

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Minden's Winterfest stays warm with chili

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Minden's Winterfest event organizers didn't see the crowds of people they were anticipating, but community development coordinator Elisha Weiss planned a weekend of fun in case they showed up. "It's not like it wasn't advertised," said Weiss, who had the event schedule listed in local newspapers, on the new Minden Hills website, and through radio interviews and advertisements. She said that while several people showed up to Sunday's events, she had been hoping for more. Even still, Weiss showed enthusiasm encouraging kids to roast marshmallows and stay warm by an outdoor fire. The families that did come out had plenty

of activities to choose from on either day of Winterfest. Besides winter favourites like curling, public skating, and snowshoe races, Weiss and the Winterfest committee offered unique activities including a cardboard box derby and broomball and Inuit games. Rotarian Betty Mark took part in the annual chili competition on Sunday and was excited that the Rotary Club took home the prize for best chili this year. "I decided to put in more chipotle peppers this year, and I think that was the turning point, because it was spicier than it ever has been," Mark laughed. "I did try the other chili, and every one was quite unique." Mark said the Rotary Club won a \$75 gift certificate to Foodland for their effort, and that they would be donating it to the Minden Food Bank.



Top: Brody Prentice said his cardboard box sled had performed well during test runs and that he expected to do well in Winterfest's cardboard box derby on Feb.16. Above: Lee and Malcolm MacLean taste the Rotary Club's Roto-tooter Chili, saying it had just enough bite. Chef Betty Mark was pleased with their review - and even more so when she took home the first place prize at Winterfest's Chili Competition.



Top: Jasmine Smith was all smiles with her painted face after celebrating International Angelman Day at the Catch the Cure Fundraiser. Above: Cameron Edwards and his friend and PSW Steve Speicher drove from Bracebridge to take part in Minden's International Angelman Day event, the only event held in Canada that day. Speicher said he couldn't "thank that little town enough," for being accommodating and friendly to Cameron, who has Angelman Syndrome.

Catching the cure

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Bethan McCutcheon called it an amazing story. She is the mother of two sons, Tecwyn and Tathan, who have Angelman Syndrome (AS). Along with Sue Tiffin, mother of baby Harper who also has AS, the two organized Catch the Cure, a fundraising event to help find a cure for the disease. On Feb. 15, both mothers were overwhelmed by the support from their community at the Minden arena. "It was unbelievable," McCutcheon said. "It surpassed everything I dreamed it could be." The event included a silent auction, two hours of family skating time at the arena, face painting, and more. "There were so many people there, it was just overwhelming," she said. "Every time I looked into the crowd, I just thought all these people are here not only because

they're invested in the cure, but they're uttering the words Angelman Syndrome. It was just amazing." Other angels – people who have AS – joined the party in Minden, including a seven-year-old girl, and a 25-year-old man. One Grade 2 student brought a gumball machine to sell bubble gum and raised \$116 at the event. "He took it so seriously, his job that he was catching the cure for his teacher's kids, that he wore a tie." McCutcheon said the international Angelman community had their eyes on Minden, as this was, to her knowledge, the only large fundraising event in Canada for International Angelman Day. She said, as a mother, seeing the community rally around her children was an inspiring feeling. "People were there not only for the awareness piece and to support, but they were there to catch a cure. It was an incredible experience."

Highlander events

Frost Fest makes a winter splash

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

A winter wonderland welcomed visitors to Haliburton's Head Lake Park on Feb. 15 for the sixth annual Frost Festival.

The free full-day event began with the crowning of this year's ambassador, Mark Brohm, at the Haliburton Legion during the Lions Club pancake breakfast. Featured attractions in and around the park included horse wagon rides, art activities, maple taffy tasting, children's dogsledding, and a variety of games including broomball and curling on Head Lake.

One of the big crowd-pleasers came in the form of the second annual Lions Club Polar Bear Challenge. In this event, approximately 25 brave souls plunged into Head Lake in support of Sick Kids hospital's eye project. By collecting pledges they raised about \$6,500.

"[The] event was a resounding success with a huge crowd of spectators and everyone – participants and spectators – had a lot of fun," said Jim Frost, president of the Haliburton & District Lions Club.

Between last year and this year, the event has raised nearly \$15,000 for the hospital's three-year eye clinic renovation project, said Frost.

The year's top fundraiser was Ron Murphy, who brought in approximately \$1,500. The top team was Team Zahn with almost \$1,100 in pledges.

The best costume prize went to Margaret and Ashley Zahn.

Frost thanked several community members for their support of the plunge, including volunteers from the Dysart and Stanhope fire departments, Haliburton Tim-Br Mart, CRS and Canoe FM emcees Mike Jaycock and Lorraine McNeil.



Photos by Mark Arike

Above: Nikki Wesley and her daughter Scarlett, 2, spray the snow with environmentally-friendly dye in the Art Attack attraction hosted by the Rails End Gallery and Haliburton museum. Left: Visitors play a game of broomball in Head Lake Park. The activity was hosted by Youth Unlimited.



Photos by Matthew Desrosiers

Left: Wayne MacGregor teaches Julian Blumberg, 5, to saw. Top: Hailey Adams and mother Michelle meet Jake the horse. Crier Bruce Kruger opens the festival.

Snowball fun in Dorset

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

What a great weekend for the winter carnival. On Feb. 14 and 15, the town of Dorset held its annual Snowball Winter Carnival and hosted hundreds of people who came out to enjoy the festivities.

Events included a drum circle, birds of prey show, snow carving competition, wild animal callers, sledding, a silent auction, and more for participants of all ages to enjoy.

The carnival officially opened on Saturday morning with town crier Bruce Kruger, who introduced the dignitaries and set up the ribbon cutting ceremony.

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What's on



Photo submitted by Lance Anderson

John Mays leads an all-star band at The Dominion to pay tribute to Ray Charles on Feb. 22.

A tribute to Ray Charles

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

If you've got soul, you need to be at The Dominion Hotel on Feb. 22 for the next instalment of the Canadian Blues Legends concert series.

The show, called Genius + Soul = The Music of Ray Charles, is a Ray Charles tribute concert put on by an all-star cast of musicians, said promoter George Farrell.

"This is a show that has gone through quite a few places over the last couple of years," he said. "It's a great success... these musicians are just fantastic. They're all award-winners."

The band includes John Mays on vocals, Jesse O'Brien on piano, Al Lerman on sax, Michael Sloski on drums, and Lance Anderson on the Hammond organ. Anderson was the Maple Blues 2014 piano and keyboard player of the year.

"[O'Brien] on piano plays a big part because, of course, Ray Charles is a great piano player," said Farrell.

"People should come to this show because of the quality of the musicianship if nothing else," he said. "Another reason is because of Ray Charles. How often do you get to hear Ray Charles? It just doesn't happen up here very often, unlike in the city where you can hear any kind of music, anytime. This is something we're offering that doesn't happen very often."

The show starts at 8:30 p.m. and should run until about 11:30 p.m., Farrell said. Tickets are \$25 in advance and are available at The Dominion Hotel and online at www.madeinhaliburton.ca.

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- 3 bedrms, 1.5 bath, 1218 sq ft
- 231 feet waterfront, 2.16 acre
- Master bedroom with walkout to deck
- Pine floors, central air
- Large lakeside deck and dock areas

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- Oversized garage
- Corner lot with paved driveway
- Main floor laundry
- Tons of storage

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- Situated on level lot with western exposure!

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- Wet slip boathouse with rooftop deck
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- On municipal road
- Hydro at road

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- Great swimming and boating
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- Stunning expansive southern view

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